

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. TED S. YOHO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. YOHO. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this time to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the founding of Marion County, Florida.

I have the honor of representing part of this county, alongside Representatives NEAL DUNN and DANIEL WEBSTER.

For the past 175 years, Marion County has been at the heart of Florida's rich history and continues to be an important part of Florida today. The county boasts significant economic development and the title of "Horse Capital of the World."

Marion County is constantly growing and is an industry leader in the agriculture, equine and forestry industries. The success of these industries can be attributed to the hard-working and dedicated individuals in the community.

As we celebrate this significant anniversary, we must reflect on the contributions that Marion County has made to the great state of Florida and the nation. I look forward to the continued success of the Marion County community. Congratulations.

RESPONDING TO THE CHABAD OF POWAY SYNAGOGUE ATTACK

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark a tragic day for San Diegans, Californians, and all Americans.

On the last day of Passover and exactly six months since the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh, yet another attack took place, once again by an evil, hate-filled, anti-Semitic individual who was armed with an assault rifle. At the Chabad of Poway Synagogue located just outside of my district in Southern California, Mrs. Lori Kaye was senselessly murdered, and three other people were seriously injured.

There were many heroes on that day, including an off-duty Border Patrol Agent and an Army veteran who helped stop the gunman, and I am so grateful to them for saving lives and helping their community.

Our response to this attack cannot end now that the violence in Poway is over. It is up to each and everyone one of us—elected officials and everyday citizens alike—to confront the hate, bigotry, and anti-Semitism that persists in our society.

We must also take strong and decisive action to end the epidemic of gun violence in this country. Earlier this year, the House passed HR8, which would put common sense gun safety measures in place. We know it will help end the plague of senseless gun violence, and I implore the Senate to take up this bipartisan legislation immediately.

We need to bring together members of all religions, backgrounds, and political parties to address the hate and violence behind this attack, and that's what I intend to do over the coming weeks, months, and years.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEWTON APPLE TREE PLANTED AT BILLY EARL DADE MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, as the Chairwoman of the House Committee

on Science, Space, and Technology, I am proud to have the opportunity to donate a direct descendant of the apple tree that inspired Sir Isaac Newton's theory of gravity to Billy Earl Dade Middle School in honor of Arbor Day 2019. In the past several years, Billy Earl Dade Middle School has become a national example of how strong campus leadership and the surrounding community can vastly improve the quality of education and experience offered to students.

I'd like to thank the National Institute of Standards and Technology for making this donation possible by providing a sapling from their Newton apple tree in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

In the mid-17th century, while on leave from Cambridge University, Isaac Newton was sitting beneath a tree when he saw an apple fall to the ground. This moment captured his curiosity, and he began to wonder if the same force that drew the apple towards the center of the earth similarly affected the moon and the planets. It was that day that inspired Newton to begin development of his law of universal gravitation. Nearly three and a half centuries later, scientists are still trying to understand gravity.

Just as the ancestor of this tree inspired Sir Isaac Newton, who went on to formulate his laws of motion and become one of the most esteemed and influential scientists of all time, I hope this apple tree inspires the students, faculty, and mentors that attend and visit Billy Earl Dade Middle School to continue acting as role models in the community and to pursue new ideas in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.